

Announcing an Important Enhancement to the Keystone Symposia Scholarship Program

Beginning with our October 2014 meetings, Keystone Symposia Scholarship and Underrepresented Trainee Scholarship recipients will be able to attend Keystone Symposia meetings with fewer out-of-pocket expenses. Keystones Symposia will now automatically register scholarship recipients. The registration fee will then be deducted from the total award amount and the remaining amount will be available for travel/lodging expense reimbursement after the meeting.

Keystone Symposia meetings provide a particularly valuable opportunity for junior and early-career investigators to gain greater familiarity with their fields, present their work via a poster presentation and possibly a short talk, forge new collaborations, and receive valuable feedback and mentoring. We encourage you to apply for all awards for which you might be eligible:

1. **Keystone Symposia Scholarships** – These awards of up to 1,200 USD help make possible meeting participation by graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from the US and overseas. The awards are made based on the quality and relevance of the submitted abstract. The applicant's mentor must also submit a brief affirmation of support. Receipts are required for the travel/lodging reimbursement portion of the scholarship. Scholarship application deadlines occur four months before meetings begin. www.keystonesymposia.org/Scholarships

2. **Keystone Symposia Underrepresented Trainee Scholarships** – These awards of up to 1,200 USD have the same submission and reimbursement process as those above but are for students and postdoctoral fellows who are US Citizens or Permanent Residents and from one of the following underrepresented backgrounds: African American, Hispanic American, Native American or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or Bicultural (i.e., claims parental heritage to one of the above populations in the United States). Scholarship application deadlines occur four months before meetings begin. www.keystonesymposia.org/URScholarship

3. **Keystone Symposia Early-Career Investigator Travel Awards** – These awards of up to 2,030 USD are for assistant professor or industry-equivalent scientists with less than four years of experience in those roles and from the following underrepresented backgrounds: African American, Hispanic American, Native American or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or Bicultural (i.e., claims parental heritage to one of the above populations in the US). Applicants must articulate how the particular meeting will help answer a specific research question. These awards have a "rolling" application deadline; applications are now being accepted for Keystone Symposia meetings occurring October 2014 – February 2015. Receipts are required for travel/lodging reimbursement. Since awards are limited in number and made as applications are received, submit your application as far in advance of the meeting as possible. www.keystonesymposia.org/EarlyCareerAward

4. **Keystone Symposia Global Health Travel Awards** – Supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, these awards fund all allowable costs of attendance at infectious disease meetings of our Global Health Series for individuals from countries where the meeting topics are endemic. Keystone Symposia can make travel arrangements for these awards so there is little out-of-pocket expense for

award recipients. Application deadlines occur five months before meetings begin. www.keystonesymposia.org/GlobalHealth

Note that an individual can receive only one of these awards to attend a particular meeting, but applying for all awards for which you are eligible will increase the chances of success!

We look forward to receiving your application and welcoming you at a Keystone Symposia meeting soon. If you are not eligible for these opportunities, please forward to someone you know who is.

Upcoming Scholarship & Travel Award Deadlines

Scholarship Deadline for **Modes of Action of Vaccine Adjuvants**, October 8-13, 2014, Seattle, Washington, USA: **June 10, 2014**

Travel Award Deadline for **Cell Death Signaling in Cancer and the Immune System**, October 28-November 2, 2014, Guarujá, São Paulo, Brazil: **June 26, 2014**. *Please note that this is a special Travel Award funded by FAPESP, the São Paulo Research Foundation, not available for any other meeting. It is available to students and postdoctoral fellows worldwide. In addition to receiving funding for travel and lodging expenses, recipients will pay a reduced registration fee of only 100 USD.*

Scholarship Deadline for **Cell Death Signaling in Cancer and the Immune System**, October 28-November 2, 2014, Guarujá, São Paulo, Brazil: **June 26, 2014**

Global Health Travel Award Deadline for **Host Response in Tuberculosis**, January 22-27, 2015, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA: **August 19, 2014**

Scholarship Deadline for first January 2015 Keystone Symposia meeting (**Precision Genome Engineering and Synthetic Biology**, January 11-16, 2015, Big Sky, Montana, USA): **September 22, 2014**

Please visit www.keystonesymposia.org/meetings for a complete list of our 2014-2015 meetings and the associated scholarship and travel award deadlines.

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